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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, the Examiner's attention is directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. A copy of the reference is attached.

The required statement of 37 C.F.R § 1.97(c) is also provided herein. No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the

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person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement, as the reference issued as a patent less than one month ago.

It is to be understood that the present disclosure of art is in no way intended to be a waiver of any arguments or defenses available to the Applicant under the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the statutes of the United States. No fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 200053.

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